

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant(s): Bentwich et al.

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Title: BIOINFORMATICALLY DETECTABLE  
GROUP OF NOVEL REGULATORY  
VIRAL AND VIRAL ASSOCIATED  
OLIGONUCLEOTIDES AND USES  
THEREOF

**AMENDMENT AND REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.111**

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed January 9, 2008 (the "Office Action"), and in accordance with the Rule of Practice, please enter the following amendments and consider the remarks below. Please find submitted herewith a Petition for a one-month extension of time and the \$120 fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a). No other fees are believed to be due in connection with the filing of this paper, however, should any fees be deemed necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to deduct any such fees from Deposit Account No. 50-1662 referencing the above docket number.

**Amendments to the Claims** being at page 2 of this reply; **Remarks** begin at page 3.